

1. GO TO <http://www.serve.com/shea/germusa/nikolaus.htm>
2. When is St. Nicholas **Day**?
3. He lived in a town called _____, which is in Asia Minor (modern Turkey).
4. **CLICK** on SEE MAP – scroll down until you see a map and can locate his town. Figure it out – what country was St. Nikolaus town in before it became the country of Turkey?
5. **GO BACK** TO MY SITE: On what day and in what year did St. Nicholas die?
6. What does St. Nicholas look like? (look at picture) Describe his outfit and appearance
7. What does he ask about? What do kids have to do for him?
8. Who is **Knecht Ruprecht** and what does he do?
9. Who is the **Christkindl**? Similar to Kris Kringle, isn't it?.
10. Where does our name **Santa Claus** come from? Figure it out.
11. **CLICK** on his often wild companions
 - a. In some parts, Knecht Ruprecht turned into the Weihnachtsmann, which means ..
 - b. Click all the yellow links. Read the section in the colored box.
 - c. Who is Krampus? Why is he so scary? How does he look?

CLICK History of Santa with Thomas Nast images

1. THIRD paragraph. What did German-American cartoonist Thomas Nast do?
2. FOURTH paragraph. Santa appeared in what advertisement in 1931?

CLICK All about Santa Claus and St. Nikolaus

1. St. Nicholas is the patron saint of which countries?
2. Read everything. What did he throw down the chimney and why?

CLICK Images of St. Nikolaus – from my trip in 1993

1. Can you see where his white beard and robes come from? Explain.
2. Click on the Yellow link at the bottom, read and view the pics.
3. Do you think it snowed where he lived?

CLICK on Rent a Niklaus

1. How many days and hours (Stunden) until St. Nikolaus day?
2. How much does a visit cost for up to 2 Kinder?
3. How much for every (**dazu**) extra kid?
4. How much if you want Krampus to visit as well?
5. How much would it cost for St. Nikolaus and Krampus to visit your home?
6. **CLICK** Next yellow – **convert** the **Euros to dollars**: how many **DOLLARS** would it cost for them to visit you and for how many children?
7. **Click** “Another Rental site” How much does it cost at this site?

Read the text below. Compare German-English. Underline all words you understood w/o English help.

Was "Santa Claus" in den USA ist, ist "ST.NIKOLAUS" in Deutschland. Er kommt aber vor Weihnachten, am Abend des 5ten Dezember, um Geschenke zu bringen und Dich wissen zu lassen, was Du im vergangenen Jahr Gutes oder Schlechtes getan hast. Er hat alles in einem grossen goldenen Buch aufgeschrieben.

St. Nikolaus hat auch einen Gehilfen - den schaurig aussehenden "Knecht Ruprecht" mit einer grossen schweren Kette und einer Rute aus Zweigen gemacht. Er ist fuer die "schlechten Kinder" da und zur Erinnerung auch das kommende Jahr hindurch gut zu bleiben.

Kinder, die daran denken, ihre Stiefel vor die Tuer zu stellen, werden am Morgen des 6ten Dezember ein par (oft suesse) Kleinigkeiten darin vorfinden - ein Zeichen, dass St. Nickolaus noch einmal vorbeigeschaut hat!

What "Santa Claus" is in the USA , "ST.NIKOLAUS" is in Germany. He comes however before Christmas , on the Eve of December 5th , to bring presents and to let you know what you have done good or bad in the past year. He has it all written down in a big golden book.

St. Nikolaus also has a helper - scary looking "Knecht Ruprecht" with a big heavy chain and a whip(rod) made from tree twigs. He's there for the "bad kids" and a reminder to stay good throughout the coming year.

Children , who remember to put their boots in front of their door will find little goodies in them the morning of December 6th - a sign that St. Nickolaus stopped by once more!